projected to supply 90 MMSCMD of gas. Gas utilization by Afghanistan will be about to 5.0 MMSCMD during 1st/2nd year and 14 MMSCMD from the third year onward, with remaining quantity of gas propose to be equally shared by India and Pakistan on successful completion of the project. The gas is expected to flow to India from Turkmenistan in the year 2014.

Indigeneous production of oil and gas

3813. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on "Opportunities in the Oil and Gas Industry" was held at Mumbai recently;

(b) if so, the details of personalities attended the seminar and the outcome of the discussions held in the seminar;

(c) whether Government and Public Sector oil companies have agreed to take steps to enhance energy security in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the indigenous production of oil and gas in the country is not as expected; and

(f) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a private organization, which is not under the administrative control of this Ministry, had organized the seminar.

(c) to (f) Several steps have been taken/are in hand to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities and to bridge the demand and supply gap in the country, which include the following:

(i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NEPL) and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy.

(ii) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.

(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

(vi) Acquisition of exploration acreages and producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.

(vii) Substitution of oil through use of non-conventional source of energy such as biodiesel, ethanol, etc.

(viii) Extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas Hydrates Programme (NGHP) by evolving suitable production technology.